



NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF MONO INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Tribal Chairperson Elaine Fink, called to order the special meeting of the North Fork Rancheria at 9:18 a.m. on June 19, 2019 in North Fork, CA.

II. Moment of Silent Prayer

A moment of Silent Prayer was observed.

III. Roll Call

Tribal Secretary, Katrina Guitierrez conducted a roll call. The following Council members were present: Elaine Fink, Katrina Guitierrez, Maryann McGovran and Jacquie Van Huss. Fred Beihn absent.

Staff present:

Gary Nicholes – ACAO

Teri Haggard – CFO

David Falls – TANF Director

Guest Present:

Jenny Garcia

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Council Member Van Huss motioned to approve the agenda with the following changes: table new business # 4 – Nim Nobe Store Manager items a-m; #5 – Treasurer McGovran; #6 – EPD Director – Christina McDonald; unfinished business – table #2 – a) 5-10-year plan meeting date, and c) CILS meeting request; table #3- Treasurer McGovran items a-c and table #4- Vice-Chairperson Beihn items a-h. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

V. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of May 31, 2019. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 3/0/1 with Treasurer McGovran abstaining.

Council Member Van Huss motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of June 14, 2019. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 4/0/0

The special meeting minutes of June 07, 2019 were tabled until completed.

VI. New Business

1. Gary Nicholes – ACAO

- a. Jewelry Approval for purchase from Sierra Mono Museum (variety of beaded earrings)
Council Member Van Huss motioned to purchase the jewelry from the Museum in the amount of \$190.00 to come out of the economic development fund. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0
- b. Higher Education Scholarship Program
Mr. Nicholes reported that Citizens are being required to get their official transcripts in between semesters for continuing approval of the scholarship program. The only downfall to that is that they have to pay for the original transcripts if they are getting another original. This makes a hardship on the citizens. Mr. Nicholes suggested to accept a print out from their student site instead of paying for an original. Mr. Nicholes will revise the policy to reflect this change with a disclaimer of any fraudulent activity of any kind and bring back to Tribal Council at the next available meeting or email for approval.

2. Teri Haggard – CFO

- a. GASB 87 Webinar – Tribal Lease Accounting
July 8, 2019 – How to improve GASB 87
Treasurer McGovran motioned for the fiscal employees, Teri Haggard, Denise Brosi, and Pearla Velasco to do the webinar training @ \$150.00 each for a total of \$450.00. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 4/0/0

3. David Falls – TANF Director

- a. Recommendation for temporary Program Assistant

Council Member Van Huss motioned to go into executive session #1 @ 9:57 a.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

By consensus, Tribal Council agreed to fly the temporary position.

Personnel issues were discussed.

Tribal Council took a break @ 1:30 p.m.

Tribal Council resumed @ 2:36 p.m.

b. Youth Per diem amounts

A confirmation was made for the Youth that would be traveling to the National Congress of American Indians in Sparks, Nevada that for ages 12 and under receive $\frac{1}{2}$ of the adult per diem rates and for those that are 12 and over they receive $\frac{3}{4}$ of the adult scale.

c. American Indian Education Center Grant Application

1. Application

Mr. Falls reported that June 25, 2019 is the deadline for the amount of \$200,000.00. Mr. Falls reported that by applying for this grant, it will increase the service area and the after school program for the rising need of tutors.

2. Bylaws

Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California American Indian Education Center Bylaws. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 3/0/0

Note: Council Member Van Huss was out of the room @ 10:00 a.m. at the time the motion was made and passed.

3. Yosemite School District MOU

Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the MOU between NFR and Yosemite Unified School District. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 3/0/0

Council Member Van Huss returned @ 10:27 a.m.

Council Member Van Huss requests that next time, she would like to see an MOU that relates to the actual services that will be provided as this MOU with Yosemite Unified is only a data sharing MOU only.

Mr. Falls stated that the grantee preferred an MOU rather than a support letter. After a discussion was held about getting a support letter from Yosemite Unified School District, Mr. Falls will try to get a letter.

Chairperson Fink signed the application and Council Member Van Huss request a copy of it.

4. Resolution No. 19-52

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-52 A Resolution approving the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Education for a five-year American Indian Education Center Program Grant, October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$200,000.00 annually to promote the academic and cultural achievement of American Indian Students. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 4/0/0

5. **Melody DeWolf – Store Manager** – All items were tabled until next meeting.

- a. Vision for store
- b. New Merchandise for hand crafted items of local citizens
- c. New Handmade merchandise
- d. Ordering pre-made merchandise
- e. Purging of non-profitable inventory
- f. Re-launching of Grand Opening
- g. Direct Mailing
- h. Food presentation handouts
- i. Picnic or patio table
- j. Community Wide Christmas Party
- k. Crafting Classes
- l. Monthly Yard sale
- m. Bringing Pow Wow back to North Fork

6. **Treasurer McGovran** – These items were tabled until next meeting.
 - a. Citizen Request
 - b. Sheriff list of known offenders
7. **Christina McDonald – EPD Director** – These items were tabled until next meeting.
 - a. ARPRA Meyers letter
 - b. North Fork Recycling
 - c. Tribal EPA Annual Conference
 - d. Cultural Committee
 - e. Environmental Committee
 - f. Emergency Response
8. **Secretary Guitierrez**
 - a. Friday, July 5, 2019 – staff
By consensus, Tribal Council agreed to close the office on Friday July 5, 2019 and deem it a day off for all NFR staff.

VII. Unfinished Business

1. *Assistant Chief Administration Officer*

- a. IHS Meeting Washington D.C – July 15-18, 2019.
Mr. Nicholes will send an email for clarification on whether Deputy Director, Michael D. Weahkee will be at NCAI to confirm a meeting date with Tribal Council rather than travel to Washington D.C. Mr. Nicholes will report back to Tribal Council.

b. *2019 Region IX Tribal CCDF Plan Training – July 9-11, 2019*

By consensus, Tribal Council approved for Gary Nicholes and Denise Brosi to attend.

2. *Secretary Guitierrez*

- a. 5-10 year plan meeting date – This item was tabled until the next meeting.
- b. July Monthly meeting date – July 23, 2019
- c. CILS Meeting request – This item was tabled until the next meeting.

3. Treasurer McGovran – These items were tabled until the next meeting.

- a. Action Forms
- b. Staff Safety Meeting
- c. Management Concepts Training
- d. Nim Nobe Ad retro

4. Vice-Chairperson Beihn – These items were tabled until the next meeting.

- a. Elder Program (CIMC)
- b. Monthly Tribal Council Announcements
- c. Temporary Job position
- d. Title VI leveraging
- e. Native Preference documents
- f. Tribal Council Vehicle
- g. All Boards and Committee together
- h. Employment development
- a. Upgrade
- b. Training
- c. Evaluation System

d. Grievance procedure

VIII. Executive Session

Treasurer McGovran motioned to come out of executive session @ 4:15 p.m. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 4/0/0

*executive session items were taken care of earlier in the meeting and lasting much of the meeting. Please note the time of coming out. All other agenda items were reported out.

IX. Mail / Travel

a. WEWINN conference – guest request

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to approve the registration and per diem costs for tribal citizens Rose Cobb and Rena Killian to attend the conference in honor of Chairperson Fink to come out of tribal funds. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 4/0/0

b. Visit Yosemite invoice

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to pay for the membership invoice in the amount of \$100.00 to come out of the Station Fund. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 4/0/0

c. Other –

Madera City Golf

Council Member Van Huss motioned for a golf team of four in the amount of \$340.00. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 4/0/0

X. Next Meeting

July 1, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

Council Member Van Huss motioned to adjourn @ 4:15 p.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

Minutes submitted by: **Katrina Guitierrez – 07/01/19**

COUNCIL APPROVAL

At a meeting of the Tribal Council of the North Fork Rancheria, call and convened on the 2nd day of **July, 2019**, at which a legal quorum was present, these minutes were approved as presented by a vote of **3 For 0 Against 1 Abstaining**.

DATED this 3rd day of **July, 2019**.


Katrina Guitierrez, Tribal Secretary


Judy E. Fink, Tribal Chairperson

